

Gring and Woodin's
Adventure
in Water Kingdom
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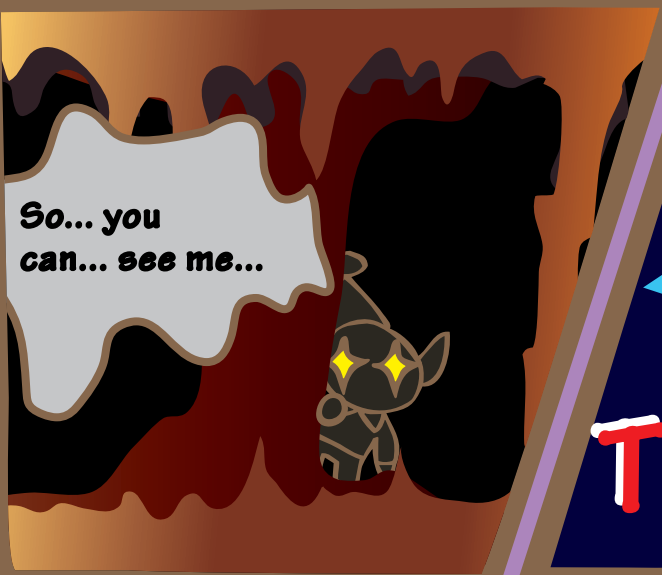
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The story so far

On the way to visit Dr. Imai, Gring and his friends met the Kappappa people, the water spirit. They told them how to clean the river, which made them friends. From the new friends, they learned that the body of a Kappappa turned , just like what happened to Woodin, so they decided to go see it.



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Ta-dah!



An old man!
And he is small, too!



Cough, cough...
My name is Kawajii,
the old river elf.
Cough... excuse me



Are you all right?



Oh, you. Come closer.
Hmm, you are
in the same color...



My name is Woodin

As I suspected,
the river is contaminated.

It seems we have the

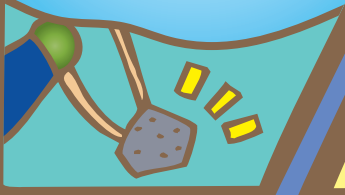
pollution in our body...



Anyhow,
you are going
to visit Dr. Imai,
aren't you? Then I have
a favor to ask.
Please deliver this stone
necklace to
Dr. Imai.



This necklace contains the voices of fish. It's my responsibility to deliver them to the other people.



Wow, what an amazing stone! But why do you know we are going to visit Dr. Imai?



You were drowning in the river. The fishes read your memory then and told me.

Now anyone can see me, but I'm normally visible only to Kappappa people... There are horrible fairy hunters in the outside world, and if they find us, we River Fairies will be extinct ...

He, he, he...



Hunters!? So scary...



Unforgivable!



Okay! I promise to deliver the voice of the fishes to Dr. Imai!

Ah! You are one courageous rabbit!

There was nothing wrong with my judgment. I want to show my gratitude! I'll give you this if you can correctly answer my quiz! Here it comes!





Domestic wastewater here is a major cause of river pollution. Which place in the home pollutes water the most?

Let's think together!



The stone necklace leads to a hint!



Which of the following places pollutes water the most?



① Kitchen

② Toilet

③ Bath



We are going to die...

Uhh, we can't breathe...

Don't drain oil directly ...

The fish was talking about oil.

I got it! We use oil in the kitchen! The answer is ①!



Correct!

If you discard food and oil from the kitchen, the oxygen in the water

decreases and the fish can't breathe ...



By wiping off the oil before washing the dishes or preparing the right amount of food and beverages, you can reduce the amount of polluted water going down the drain!



Reference:
Guidebook on domestic wastewater "The Importance of Domestic Wastewater Countermeasures" on the Ministry of the Environment Japan Website

Water that has been used to wash rice is rich in nutrients, so you can water plants with it as a good fertilizer.



I didn't know that!

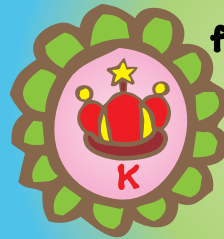
Now... this is yours!

It's a "Crest of a Friend," which is handed down from father to son in the River Fairy family.

This is a very special badge as we do not

make many friends.

After all, people can't see us.



Bye now. Take care!

Thank you!
Good bye!

Hey, you guys are good!



You see, the badge looks like my crown. Actually, it's quite a feat!

From ancient times, we have been the only ones who have befriended the River Fairy!



Well!
We will go partway with you!
I believe...

one of my friends
lives near
Dr. Imai's house!



Now!
Stand in line!
Now is the time!



King of Kappa started
casting a spell.

Don-don kappa,
don kappa

It made the Kappappa People
around him invisible...



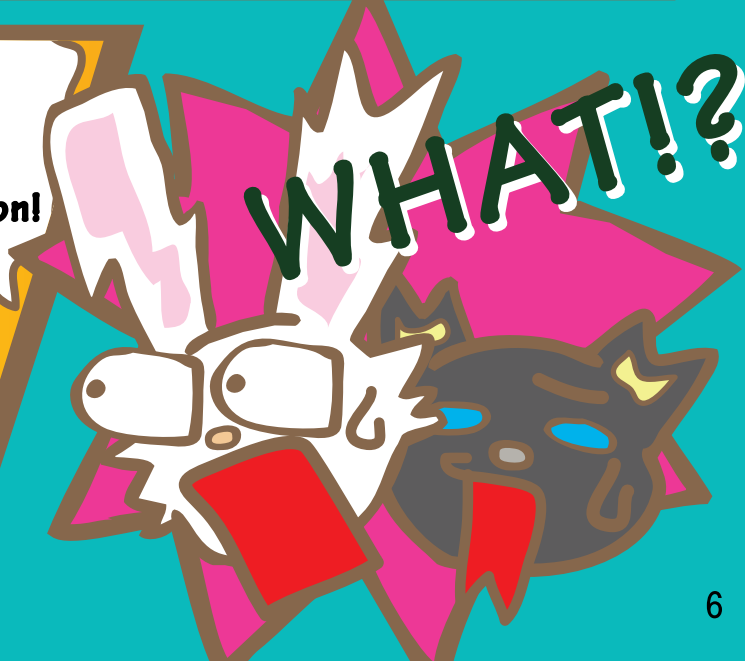
... and the star on
his crown glowed.



It's dazzling!
I can't tell
what's going on!



WHAT!?



It's only natural to be surprised...
This is our greatest invention...

Round-round
giant wheel!!

OK.
Let's go!

Rather anxious
Gring and his friends
rode into the wheel...

I feel dizzy

Round

Ha, ha, ha!
Look! Even the
trees are fleeing!

Round

Hey! It's getting colder!
Are we almost there?

Round

I feel...sick

...
Round

It's snowing!
Where are we?
Someone answer
me!

Round
Round



Ahhhhh

Round

Round

We are going to clash!!!

Round



BANG!



It hurts...



...



...



Uh...?

Where am I?
It's cold...

Everything around them was
made of ice and snow.

Oh... maybe...



Are you
awake?



Ah, Kota,
the bigfoot!
So you are the
friend King of
Kappa was
talking about!



Ima-Spider,
long time no see!

I'm Kota,
the bigfoot.
Who are you?

It's cold!
Give me
something
to wear!



Thank you for
helping us!
I'm Gring.



Haven't seen you for ages,
Kota, the bigfoot!
These are my friends!
Didn't know the spider
knew you!

Sigh

What's the
matter?

We are here
because...
and...
then...

We are not cold!
I think it's because
of the Magical
heavy-duty coat!

I see. I'll bring you to the
house of Dr. Imai.

Kota, the bigfoot
does it mean you
are the gate
keeper of secret
path working
for Dr. Imai?

Good! Kota,
the bigfoot,
I trust you with them!
We have cleaning of
the river to do!
Let's go home!!

King of Kappa?
You don't mean...
now?

Hahaha!!

Just like that,
Kappappa people
are gone...

Farewell!!

He's a
tough man...

There is a door to
Dr. Imai's, and it's
only a short walk
from here.
Let's go together

Thank you!!

* Magical heavy-duty coat is a coat fending off cold weather
which they got from Minami-chan the inventor



Minami-chan



Let's eat Sweet Dumplings.

We will be there soon. I'm a bit tired. What is it?



Mumbling.

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Lets go!!



I'm good as new! Let's go!

Almost there



Dr. Imai's house is not far away.

To be continued...

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